

a lower^{nic.} yield variety is not being eval. by the
 Cmte.
~~B + W is neither taking all higher or lower varieties~~

sugars - indicator of ripeness
 nicotinic^{sugar} ranges depend on the grade
 2 1/2% ~~nicotinic~~ burlap
 3% Flavor grade

- all chemistry impact on stalk position selected for purchase
 - nitrates & chlorides are well-controlled by the farmer;
 - nic. & sugar - most affected by growing conditions
- off-shore testing of conditions
- five-cured & burlap^{pegs} after purchase
- no chem. testing of oriental tob. - smoking only
- no migration or equilibration within a bale during storage
- B + W has a list of 16 or 17 pesticides^{ident. by USDA} that cannot be used on tob.

the use of fertilizers^{had been the major factor in} controlling nic. content brands in tob.
 nitrogen fertilizers can improve nicotine content

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